2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE LYNN

<u>Funded Partners</u>: Catholic Charities North, DPW / Parks and Recreation, Family and Children's Service, Lynn Police Department, LYSOA

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation*

Total Funding: \$295,050

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	41 Received Case Management Services	97 Received Street Outreach Services	\$190,452
Community Mobilization	20 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	11 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$25,022
Education & Employment	16 Participated in Employment Programs	16 Completed a Subsidized Summer Employment Program	\$25,022
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	165 Participated in Recreation Programs		\$10,196
Suppression	50 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	12 Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits	\$44,391

^{*}Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

Youth Risk Assessments

11% Youth in danger of engaging in risky LOW-RISK* behavior or gang activity. 43% Youth exposed to the same risk factors MODERATE- as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy. 46% Youth who are perpetrators or victims of HIGH-RISK* shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

Success Highlight

"One of our male participants has successfully completed his court probation and has not reoffended since. He is currently working in unsubsidized employment and in the process of obtaining his Hi-Set diploma. He is also studying to pass his driver's exam. After being referred to case management services he has been consistent with following through with achieving his goals in life."

~LYSOA

^{* %} of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Lynn
Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	94,299
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	17.3%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	12.4%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	17,509
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	65.1%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	4.7%

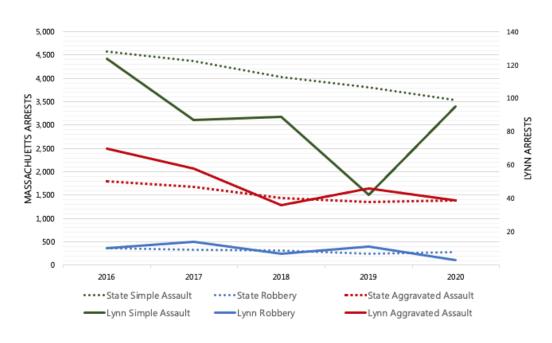
Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Lynn

20 Street Gangs

200+ Gang Members The Lynn Police Department Gang Unit estimates that there are about 20 active gangs in Lynn with a total membership of about 200+ individuals and about 80% of gang members and associates are under age 25. The most active gangs according to the Lynn Gang Unit include the Tiny Rascal Gang (TRG) and Trinitarios, which both engage in drug sales, gun violence, street robberies and home invasions. These two gangs alone have been responsible for at least 21 reported shooting incidents resulting in 14 persons being shot in 2020. The Lynn Gang Unit estimates that about 30% of the drug market in Lynn is operated by gangs.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Lynn decreased 23%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Lynn decreased 70%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Lynn decreased 44%

Information contained in this report is from funding applications, reports supplied by the site, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Census, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Office of Grants and Research / Research Policy and Analysis Division. Special thanks to the Statewide Research Partner, the Center on Crime and Community Resilience at Northeastern University, for preparing this brief.